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Board of Health Minutes 11-12-2003

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 12, 2002

3:00 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos

Staff in Attendance: Denise Boucher (Health Compliance Officer), Joseph Carabello (Health Compliance Officer), Christine Connolly, (Director of Public Health)

- I. Minutes of September 11, 2002 meeting accepted as written.
- II. Christine Connolly announced the hiring of Denise Boucher as the full time Health Compliance Officer for the Town after the approval was given to the Department by the Board of Selectmen to fill the position during the town's hiring freeze. Denise was hired just as the Arlington Tobacco Control Program was closing out.
- III. Denise Boucher presented results of latest check for compliance with **Rules and Regulations Restricting Smoking and the Distribution of Tobacco and Tobacco Products within the Town of Arlington**. The compliance check was performed on October 15, 2002 and resulted in 90% compliance.
- IV. Violation Hearing: B-G's Variety failed a second compliance check (October 15, 2002 and June 21, 2002) by selling a tobacco product to a minor. Virginia McManus, Store Owner, was present and stated that the sale was made by an employee and the employee did not check the identification. The Board voted unanimously to suspend the establishment's permit to sell tobacco products for fourteen days.
- V. Violation Hearing: Stop & Shop failed a second compliance check (March 21, 2002 and October 15, 2002) by selling a tobacco product to a minor. Store Manager, Michael Iandolo was present, and stated that the sale was made by an employee. The Board voted unanimously to suspend the establishment's permit to sell tobacco products for fourteen days.
- VI. Denise Boucher announced final cuts to the Arlington Tobacco Control Program. The State of Massachusetts has decided to completely eliminate the Tobacco Control Program in Arlington. The decision was based on population information. The initial cut to the program occurred in September, a cut from \$61,000 to \$43,000; the most recent cut was \$43,000 to \$0.
- VII. Denise Boucher discussed review of Arlington Tobacco Control Regulations. Discussed were possibility of changing regulations to cover hotels under public places, addition of text stating all identifications of persons appearing to be under the age of 27 years must be checked and change in wording of limit of number of sales within a calendar year and allow violations to span a physical year rather than each establishment a clean slate each January 1.
- VIII. John Belskis, Amy Cohen and Joe Santore, members of Friends of Poet's

Corner presented information about the St. Camillus property at Dow Ave and Wollaston Street. Mr. Belskis stated the site was once the town dump, but had been capped before turning into a park and a parking lot. He also stated that the Archdiocese of Boston owns the parking lot site and has plans to sell the lot to build 68 housing units. Belskis stated that the RAO (Response Action Outcome) filed with the DEP by the Archdiocese showed that although the site contains hazardous substances, the site was safe for development. Upon hearing the presentation Christine Connolly stated that she will review the RAO filed by the Archdiocese and will make a recommendation for the Board at the next board meeting.

IX. Christine Connolly presented the flu clinic data to date. Five hundred Arlington residents were vaccinated against the Influenza virus during the first round of vaccinations. The next clinic will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at the Council on Aging from 9-11am for elders 60 and over.

X. Christine Connolly stated the fining for violations to the food code will be drafted for the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting January 8, 2003 at 4:00pm